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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Marine Sanc-  
5 tuaries Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**  
2 **ACT.**

3 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
4 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
5 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-  
6 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
7 section or other provision of National Marine Sanctuaries  
8 Act (16 U.S.C. 1431–1445a).

9 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL MARINE**  
10 **SANCTUARIES ACT.**

11 Section 313 (16 U.S.C. 1444) is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 **“SEC. 313. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
15 retary to carry out this title—

16 “(1) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;

17 “(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1998; and

18 “(3) \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.

19 **SEC. 4. MANAGEMENT, RECOVERY, AND PRESERVATION**  
20 **PLAN FOR U.S.S. MONITOR.**

21 The Secretary of Commerce shall, within 12 months  
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, prepare and  
23 submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of  
24 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
25 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a long-range,  
26 comprehensive plan for the management, stabilization,

1 preservation, and recovery of artifacts and materials of the  
2 United States Ship Monitor. In preparing and implement-  
3 ing the plan, the Secretary shall to the extent feasible uti-  
4 lize the resources of other Federal and private entities  
5 with expertise and capabilities that are helpful.

6 **SEC. 5. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN ADVISORY**  
7 **COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

8 Section 315(e)(3) (16 U.S.C. 1445a(e)(3)) is amend-  
9 ed by inserting before the period at the end the following:  
10 “, except that in the case of a meeting of an Advisory  
11 Council established to provide assistance regarding any in-  
12 dividual national marine sanctuary the notice is not re-  
13 quired to be published in the Federal Register”.

14 **SEC. 6. ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL MARINE**  
15 **SANCTUARIES.**

16 (a) INCORPORATION OF EXISTING PROVISION.—Sec-  
17 tion 316 (16 U.S.C. 1445 note) is redesignated as section  
18 317, section 2204 of the National Marine Sanctuaries  
19 Program Amendments Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 5049) is  
20 moved so as to appear in the National Marine Sanctuaries  
21 Act following section 315, and that moved section is des-  
22 ignated as section 316 of the National Marine Sanctuaries  
23 Act.

1 (b) AMENDMENT OF INCORPORATED SECTION.—Sec-  
2 tion 316, as moved and designated by subsection (a) of  
3 this section, is amended as follows:

4 (1) Subsections (a), (g), and (h) are struck, and  
5 subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are redesign-  
6 nated as subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), re-  
7 spectively.

8 (2) In subsection (a), as so redesignated, the  
9 matter preceding paragraph (1) is struck and the  
10 following is inserted:

11 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may establish a  
12 program consisting of—”.

13 (3) In subsection (a)(5), as so redesignated—

14 (A) “establishment” is struck and “solicitation” is inserted; and

16 (B) “fees” is struck and “monetary or in-  
17 kind contributions” is inserted.

18 (4) In subsection (a)(6), as so redesignated—

19 (A) “fees” is struck and “monetary or in-  
20 kind contributions” is inserted;

21 (B) “paragraph (5)” is struck and “para-  
22 graphs (5) and (6)” is inserted;

23 (C) “assessed” is struck and “collected” is  
24 inserted; and

1 (D) “in an interest-bearing revolving fund”  
2 is struck.

3 (5) In subsection (a)(7), as so redesignated—

4 (A) “and use” is inserted after “expendi-  
5 ture”;

6 (B) “fees” is struck and “monetary and  
7 in-kind contributions” is inserted; and

8 (C) “and any interest in the fund estab-  
9 lished under paragraph (6)” is struck.

10 (6) In subsection (a), as so redesignated, para-  
11 graphs (5), (6), and (7) are redesignated in order as  
12 paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), and the following new  
13 paragraph is inserted after paragraph (4):

14 “(5) the creation, marketing, and selling of  
15 products to promote the national marine sanctuary  
16 program, and entering into exclusive or nonexclusive  
17 agreements authorizing entities to create, market or  
18 sell on the Secretary’s behalf;”.

19 (7) The following new sentence is added at the  
20 end of subsection (a), as so redesignated:

21 “Monetary and in-kind contributions raised through the  
22 sale, marketing, or use of symbols and products related  
23 to an individual national marine sanctuary shall be used  
24 to support that sanctuary.”.

25 (8) In subsection (e), as so redesignated—

1 (A) paragraph (2) is struck;

2 (B) in paragraph (1), “(1)” is struck, and  
 3 subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) are reded-  
 4 icated as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4);  
 5 and

6 (C) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated,  
 7 “fee” is struck and “monetary or in-kind con-  
 8 tribution” is inserted.

9 (9) In each of subsections (b), (c), and (d), as  
 10 so redesignated, by striking “subsection (b)” and in-  
 11 serting “subsection (a)”.

12 **SEC. 7. HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANC-**  
 13 **TUARY.**

14 (a) INCLUSION OF KAHOO LAWE ISLAND WATERS.—  
 15 Section 2305 of the Hawaiian Islands National Marine  
 16 Sanctuary Act (16 U.S.C. 1433 note) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by striking “(A)” and inserting “(a)”;  
 19 and

20 (B) by striking “the area described in sub-  
 21 section (b) is” and inserting “the area de-  
 22 scribed in subsection (b)(1) and any area in-  
 23 cluded under subsection (b)(2) are”;

24 (2) by amending subsection (b)(2) to read as  
 25 follows:

1       “(2)(A) Within 6 months after the date of receipt of  
2 a request in writing from the Kahoolawe Island Reserve  
3 Commission for inclusion within the Sanctuary of the area  
4 of the marine environment within 3 nautical miles of the  
5 mean high tide line of Kahoolawe Island (in this section  
6 referred to as the ‘Kahoolawe Island waters’), the Sec-  
7 retary shall determine whether those waters may be suit-  
8 able for inclusion in the Sanctuary.

9       “(B) If the Secretary determines under subparagraph  
10 (A) that the Kahoolawe Island waters may be suitable for  
11 inclusion within the Sanctuary—

12               “(i) the Secretary shall provide notice of that  
13 determination to the Governor of Hawaii; and

14               “(ii) the Secretary shall prepare a supplemental  
15 environmental impact statement, management plan,  
16 and implementing regulations for that inclusion in  
17 accordance with this Act, the National Marine Sanc-  
18 tuaries Act, and the National Environmental Policy  
19 Act of 1969.”; and

20               (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
21 lows:

22       “(c) EFFECT OF OBJECTION BY GOVERNOR.—(1)(A)  
23 If, within 45 days after the date of issuance of the com-  
24 prehensive management plan and implementing regula-  
25 tions under section 2306, the Governor of Hawaii certifies



1 to the Secretary that the management plan, the imple-  
2 menting regulations, or any term of the plan or regula-  
3 tions is unacceptable, the management plan, regulation,  
4 or term, respectively, shall not take effect in the area of  
5 the Sanctuary lying within the seaward boundary of the  
6 State of Hawaii.

7 “(B) If the Secretary considers that an action under  
8 subparagraph (A) will affect the Sanctuary in such a man-  
9 ner that the policy or purposes of this title cannot be ful-  
10 filled, the Secretary may terminate the designation under  
11 subsection (a). At least 30 days before that termination,  
12 the Secretary shall submit written notice of the termi-  
13 nation to the Committee on Resources of the House of  
14 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
15 Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

16 “(2)(A) If, within 45 days after the Secretary issues  
17 the documents required under subsection (b)(2)(B)(ii), the  
18 Governor of Hawaii certifies to the Secretary that the in-  
19 clusion of the Kahoolawe Island waters in the Sanctuary  
20 or any term of that inclusion is unacceptable—

21 “(i) the inclusion or the term shall not take ef-  
22 fect; and

23 “(ii) subsection (b)(2) shall not apply during  
24 the 3-year period beginning on the date of that cer-  
25 tification.

1       “(B) If the Secretary considers that an action under  
2 subparagraph (A) regarding a term of the inclusion of the  
3 Kahoolawe Island waters will affect the inclusion or the  
4 administration of the Kahoolawe Island waters as part of  
5 the Sanctuary in such a manner that the policy or pur-  
6 poses of this title cannot be fulfilled, the Secretary may  
7 terminate that inclusion.”.

8       (b) LIMITATION ON USER FEES.—The Hawaiian Is-  
9 lands National Marine Sanctuary Act (16 U.S.C. 1433  
10 note) is further amended by redesignating section 2307  
11 as section 2308, and by inserting after section 2306 the  
12 following new section:

13   **“SEC. 2307. LIMITATION ON USER FEES.**

14       “(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not institute  
15 any user fee under this Act or the National Marine Sanc-  
16 tuaries Act for any activity within the Hawaiian Islands  
17 National Marine Sanctuary or any use of the Sanctuary  
18 or its resources.

19       “(b) USER FEE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
20 ‘user fee’ does not include—

21               “(1) any fee authorized by section 310 of the  
22 National Marine Sanctuaries Act;

23               “(2) any gift or donation received under section  
24 311 of that Act; and

1           “(3) any monetary or in-kind contributions  
2           under section 316 of that Act.”.

3 **SEC. 8. FLOWER GARDEN BANKS BOUNDARY MODIFICA-**  
4 **TION.**

5           (a) MODIFICATION.—Notwithstanding section 304 of  
6 the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1434),  
7 the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Ma-  
8 rine Sanctuary, as designated by Public Law 102–251, are  
9 amended to include the area described in subsection (d),  
10 popularly known as Stetson Bank. This area shall be part  
11 of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary  
12 and shall be managed and regulated as though it had been  
13 designated by the Secretary of Commerce under the Na-  
14 tional Marine Sanctuaries Act.

15           (b) DEPICTION OF SANCTUARY BOUNDARIES.—The  
16 Secretary of Commerce shall—

17               (1) prepare a chart depicting the boundaries of  
18 the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanc-  
19 tuary, as modified by this section; and

20               (2) submit copies of this chart to the Commit-  
21 tee on Resources of the House of Representatives  
22 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
23 Transportation of the Senate.

24           (c) APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS.—Regulations is-  
25 sued by the Secretary of Commerce to implement the des-

1 ignition of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine  
2 Sanctuary shall apply to the area described in subsection  
3 (d), unless modified by the Secretary. This subsection  
4 shall take effect 45 days after the date of enactment of  
5 this Act.

6 (d) AREA DESCRIBED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
8 graph (2), the area referred to in subsections (a),  
9 (b), and (c) is the area that is—

10 (A) generally depicted on the Department  
11 of the Interior, Minerals Management Service  
12 map titled “Western Gulf of Mexico, Lease Sale  
13 143, September 1993, Biologically Sensitive  
14 Areas, Map 3 of 3, Final”;

15 (B) labeled “Stetson” on the High Island  
16 Area South Addition diagram on that map; and

17 (C) within the 52 meter isobath.

18 (2) MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS.—The  
19 Secretary of Commerce may make minor adjust-  
20 ments to the boundaries of the area described in  
21 paragraph (1) as necessary to protect living coral re-  
22 sources or to simplify administration of the Flower  
23 Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and to  
24 establish precisely the geographic boundaries of  
25 Stetson Bank. The adjustments shall not signifi-

1 cantly enlarge or otherwise alter the size of the area  
2 described in paragraph (1), and shall not result in  
3 the restriction of oil and gas activities otherwise per-  
4 mitted outside of the “no activity” zone designated  
5 for Stetson Bank as that zone is depicted on the  
6 Minerals Management Service map entitled “Final  
7 Notice of Sale 161, Western Gulf Mexico, Biological  
8 Stipulation Map Package”.

9 (e) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce  
11 shall, as soon as practicable after the date of the en-  
12 actment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register  
13 a notice describing—

14 (A) the boundaries of the Flower Garden  
15 Banks National Marine Sanctuary, as modified  
16 by this section, and

17 (B) any modification of regulations appli-  
18 cable to that Sanctuary that are necessary to  
19 implement that modification of the boundaries  
20 of the Sanctuary.

21 (2) TREATMENT AS NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER  
22 NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.—A notice  
23 published under paragraph (1) shall be considered to  
24 be the notice required to be published under section

1       304(b)(1) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act  
2       (16 U.S.C. 1434(b)(1)).

3       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts  
4 may be appropriated to carry out this section under the  
5 authority provided in section 313 of the National Marine  
6 Sanctuaries Act, as amended by this Act.

7       **SEC. 9. MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

8       (a) Section 301(b)(2) of the National Marine Sanc-  
9 tuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431(b)(2)) is amended by striking  
10 the period at the end and inserting a semicolon.

11       (b) Section 302 of the National Marine Sanctuaries  
12 Act (16 U.S.C. 1432) is amended—

13               (1) in paragraph (6) by striking “, and” at the  
14 end of subparagraph (C) and inserting a semicolon;  
15 and

16               (2) in paragraph (7) by striking “and” after  
17 the semicolon at the end.

18       (c) Section 307(e)(1)(A) of the National Marine  
19 Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1437(e)(1)(A)) is amended by  
20 inserting “of 1980” before the period at the end.

21       (d) Section 2109 of the National Marine Sanctuaries  
22 Program Amendments Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 5045) is  
23 amended by striking the open quotation marks before  
24 “Section 311”.

1       (e) Section 2110(d) of the National Marine Sanc-  
2       tuaries Program Amendments Act of 1992 (106 Stat.  
3       5046) is deemed to have amended section 312(b)(1) of the  
4       Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972  
5       (16 U.S.C. 1443(b)(1)) by inserting “or authorize” after  
6       “undertake”.

7       (f) The material added to the Marine Protection, Re-  
8       search, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 by section 2112 of  
9       the National Marine Sanctuaries Program Amendments  
10      Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 5046)—

11             (1) is deemed to have been added by that sec-  
12      tion at the end of title III of the Marine Protection,  
13      Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972; and

14             (2) shall not be considered to have been added  
15      by that section to the end of the Marine Protection,  
16      Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972.

17      (g) Section 2202(e) of the National Marine Sanc-  
18      tuaries Program Amendments Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C.  
19      1433 note) is amended by striking “section 304(e)” and  
20      inserting “304(d)”.

21      (h) Section 304(b)(3) of the National Marine Sanc-  
22      tuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1434(b)(3)) is amended—

23             (1) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C);

1           (2) by moving the text of subparagraph (A) so  
 2           as to begin at the end of the line on appears the  
 3           heading for paragraph (3);

4           (3) by moving clauses (i) and (ii) of subpara-  
 5           graph (A) 2 ems to the left, so that the left margins  
 6           of clauses (i) and (ii) are aligned with the left mar-  
 7           gin of paragraph (3);

8           (4) by striking “(A) In” and inserting “In”;

9           (5) by striking “(i)” and inserting “(A)”; and

10          (6) by striking “(ii)” and inserting “(B)”.

11 **SEC. 10. NORTHWEST STRAITS.**

12          No designation of an area in the Northwest Straits  
 13 in the State of Washington as a national marine sanctuary  
 14 under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act shall take ef-  
 15 fect unless that designation is specifically authorized by  
 16 a law enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 11. DESIGNATION OF GERRY E. STUDDS STELLWAGEN**  
 18 **BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY.**

19          The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary  
 20 shall be known and designated as the “Gerry E. Studds  
 21 Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary”. Any ref-  
 22 erence in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or  
 23 other record of the United States to that national marine



- 1 sanctuary shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Gerry
- 2 E. Studds Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary”.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*